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SUBJECT: LOW KEY REACTION TO VETO OF NAMIBIAN RESOLUTION

1. SOMEWHAT TO OUR SURPRISE, ZAMBIANS HAVE SO FAR REACTED IN VERY LOW KEY TO THREE-POWER VETO OF NAMIBIAN RESOLUTION IN UNSC. VETO ITSELF WAS REPORTED ON INSIDE PAGES OF ZAMBIAN PRESS. CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER VERNON MWAANGA, ON HIS RETURN FROM NEW YORK, TOLD PRESS JUNE 11 THAT VETO PUT US, UK AND FRANCE ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH NAMIBIA, AFRICA AND NON-ALIGNED WORLD. MWAANGA STATEMENT WAS CARRIED ON TIMES FRONT PAGE BUT GIVEN NO PROMINENCE. NEW FONMIN BANDA, ON HIS RETURN JUNE 13, TOLD PRESS THAT DEBATE CONTITUTED "VICTORY" FOR AFRICA DESPITE WESTERN VETO WHICH "EXPOSED HOW BOGUS THEIR VOTE WAS LAST YEAR".

2. TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO COMMENTARY OR EDITORIAL IN EITHER ZAMBIAN DAILY ON THE SUBJECT.

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3. COMMENT: IT TOO SOON TO SAY WHETHER REMARKABLY LOW KEY
ZAMBIAN REACTION TO OUR VETO MEANS THAT GRZ HAS DECIDED NOT
TO MAKE PUBLIC ISSUE OF THIS WITH US. ONE STRAW IN WIND
HOWEVER MAY BE THAT ON SATURDAY FONMIN BANDA ATTENDED UK
HICOM GARDEN PARTY IN HONOR OF QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY. WE ARE
TOLD THIS FIRST TIME IN NINE YEARS A FONMIN HAS BEEN PRESENT.
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